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New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc. presents:

Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases

Tuesday & Wednesday February 20-21, 2018

8:00am – 5:00pm

State Bar of New Mexico - Albuquerque, NM

- Free registration
- Two night hotel reimbursement if 50 miles outside of Albuquerque
- Mileage reimbursement (for personal vehicles ONLY)
- Online registration will be available in January. I will send out announcements
- **Eligible Participants: Prosecutors (DA, USAO, AGO, Tribal), Investigators, Forensic Interviewers, Law Enforcement and Child Protective Services**
- **Prosecutors, Forensic Interviewers, and Investigators will have priority for scholarships.**

PRESENTERS:

- **Victor Vieth, J.D.**, is the founder of the Gundersen National Child Training Center (Gundersen NCPTC) and has served as senior director since its inception in 2003. In this role, he develops long-term strategy for expanding Gundersen NCPTC and its programs nationally and internationally. He also teaches, publishes, creates programs and works on public policy issues related to child protection. Victor is in demand as a nationally recognized expert in the field of interpersonal violence. He has trained thousands of child protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigation, prosecution and prevention. He has been instrumental in implementing 22 state and international forensic interview training programs and dozens of undergraduate and graduate programs on child maltreatment.
- **Claire Harwell, J.D.**, has worked in prevention and response to sexual assault for more than thirty-six years. As a New Mexico attorney, she provides legal advice for sexual assault response centers statewide and managed a legal practice exclusively serving sexual assault survivors. She is a national trainer/curriculum developer for police, prosecutors, medical providers, civil attorneys, judges, victim advocates, university staff, college students, and counselors. She regularly consults with military prosecutors and local district attorneys on criminal cases, and advises colleges and universities on violence prevention and disciplinary board training. As the Director of the New Mexico Attorney General's Violence Against Women Division, and as a local prosecutor, she spent more than a decade prosecuting high profile violent offenses featured on "Arrest and Trial", "Final Justice", "20/20" and international news media. Before attending law school, she was a law enforcement officer, attaining the rank of Corporal (a training officer) in North Carolina.
- **Lisa Trabaldo, J.D.**, prosecuted felony level child sexual and physical abuse cases in New Mexico's Second Judicial District Attorney's Office for over 25 years. She served as Supervisor of the Crime Against Children Division for 18 years where she tried over 200 felony cases. Lisa has prosecuted all levels of child sexual abuse cases including cases involving children under the age of 16, victims with intellectual disabilities, and child abuse resulting in death. She currently works for Pegasus Legal Services for Children as a Guardian *ad Litem* and Youth Attorney, representing children in Children's Court.

Topics:

1. Working as a Multi-Disciplinary Team to Obtain Corroborating Evidence
2. Preparing Children for Court/Pre-Trial Motions
3. Cross Examination of Defendant and Defense Witnesses
4. Opening Statements and Closing Arguments
5. Pre-Trial Activities and Motions
6. Working with Native Families and Children
7. Working with Spanish-speaking Families and Children
8. Courthouse Dogs
9. Working with Children with Disabilities
10. Other Topics related to Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases in New Mexico